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SUBJECT: **GROUP HOME PROGRAM MONITORING REPORT – GREENE'S
HOME FOR BOYS, INCORPORATED - GREENE'S HOME FOR BOYS
GROUP HOME**

We have completed a review of Greene's Home for Boys Group Home (Group Home or Agency) operated by Greene's Home for Boys, Incorporated. The Group Home contracts with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department (Probation).

Greene's Home for Boys Group Home is a six-bed facility, which provides care for boys ages 11-17 years who exhibit behavioral, social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the monitoring visit, Greene's Home for Boys Group Home was providing services for six DCFS children.

Greene's Home for Boys Group Home is located in the Second District.

Scope of Review

The purpose of the review is to determine whether the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. Additionally, the review covers basic child safety and licensing issues and includes an evaluation of the Agency's Program Statement, internal policies and procedures, child case records, a facility inspection and interviews with children placed in the Group Home at the time of the review. Interviews

with children are designed to obtain their perspectives on the program services provided by the Agency and to ensure adherence to the Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

Summary of Findings

Generally, the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. The Agency needs to address a few deficient areas.

Greene's Home for Boys Group Home needs to replace the window screen in bathroom one, clean the floor and shower door and replace the toilet and wall vent in bathroom two and repair the bed frames in bedroom one. The Group Home also needs to maintain sufficient documentation to confirm that children are routinely seen by the prescribing psychiatrist.

Attached is a detailed report of the review.

Review of Report

We discussed our report with the Agency's management. In response to the recommendations made in the report, the Agency's management completed a corrective action plan (attached) which we approved. We thank the management and staff for their cooperation during our review.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Don Chadwick at (626) 293-1102.

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Attachments

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**Greene's Home for Boys Group Home
Carson, California 90746
License Number: 191600271
Rate Classification Level: 8**

I. Facility and Environment

Method of assessment – Observation

Comments:

Greene's Home for Boys Group Home is located in a residential community. The exterior of the Group Home is well maintained. The front and back yards are clean and adequately landscaped.

Generally, the interior of the Group Home is well maintained. There is adequate furniture and lighting in the Group Home. The Group Home provides a home-like environment. The common quarters are neat. However, the window screen in bathroom one is bent and does not properly fit the opening. In bathroom two, the floor and shower door have a build up of dust and dirt, the toilet top does not properly fit the toilet and the wall vent does not properly fit the wall opening.

Overall, the children's bedrooms are well maintained. The rooms are clean and orderly and have age-appropriate personalized decorations. There is adequate furniture, lighting and storage space. Window coverings and window screens are in good repair. The mattresses are comfortable, and the beds all have a full complement of linens. However, the bed frames in bedroom one are loose. Children's sleeping arrangements are appropriate.

The Group Home maintains age-appropriate and accessible recreational equipment. There are also board games, a TV a DVD player, books and a computer with a variety of programs.

The Group Home maintains a sufficient supply of perishable and non perishable foods.

Recommendations

1. Greene's Home for Boys management:

- a. Replace the window screen in bathroom one.
- b. Clean the floor and shower door in bathroom two.
- c. Replace the toilet top and wall vent in bathroom two.
- d. Repair the bed frames in bedroom one.

II. Program Services

Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews

Sample size: Two

Comments:

Children meet the Group Home's population criteria as outlined in their Program Statement. Children are assessed for needed services within thirty days of placement.

The treatment team develops and implements the Needs and Services Plans (NSPs) with input from the child. The NSPs are current, comprehensive and include short and long term goals.

Case files reflect adequate documentation to show that children are receiving treatment services.

Recommendation

There are no recommendations for this section.

III. Educational and Emancipation Services

Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews

Sample size: Two

Comments:

Children are attending school. Children are provided with educational support and resources to meet their educational needs and are progressing satisfactorily in school. The Group Home's program includes the development of children's daily living, self-help and survival skills.

Children are provided with opportunities to participate in emancipation and vocational programs as appropriate.

Recommendation

There are no recommendations for this section.

IV. Recreation and Activities

Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews

Sample size: Two

Comments:

The Group Home provides children with sufficient recreational activities and leisure time. Children are provided with opportunities to participate in planning activities. Children also participate in extra-curricular, enrichment and social activities in which they have an interest.

The Group Home provides transportation to and from the activities.

Recommendation

There are no recommendations for this section.

V. Psychotropic Medication

Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents

Comments:

Children have current court authorizations for psychotropic medication. However, there is not sufficient documentation to confirm that children are routinely seen by the prescribing psychiatrist.

Children are informed about their psychotropic medication and are aware of their right to refuse medication. Medication distribution logs are properly maintained.

Recommendation

- 2. Greene's Home for Boys management maintain sufficient documentation to confirm that children are routinely seen by the prescribing psychiatrist.**

VI. Personal Rights

Method of assessment – Interviews with children

Sample size: Two

Comments:

Children are informed about the Group Home's policies and procedures. Children report that they feel safe in the Group Home and are provided with appropriate staff supervision. Children express satisfaction with the quality of their interactions with staff and report that the staff treat them with respect and dignity.

Children report that they are assigned chores that are reasonable and not too demanding. Children are allowed to make and receive personal telephone calls, send and receive unopened mail and have private visitors. Children attend religious services of their choice.

Children report that the discipline policies are consistently enforced and that there are fair and appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.

Children report satisfaction with meals and snacks.

Children receive voluntary medical, dental and psychiatric care.

Recommendation

There are no recommendations for this section.

VII. Clothing and Allowance**Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews**

Sample size: Two

Comments:

The Group Home provides appropriate clothing, items of necessity and the required \$50 monthly clothing allowance to children. Children are provided with opportunities to select their own clothes. Clothing provided to children is of good quality and of sufficient quantity.

The Group Home provides children with the required minimum weekly allowance. Children spend their allowances as they choose.

The Group Home provides children with adequate personal care items. Children are also encouraged and assisted in creating and maintaining photo albums/life books.

Recommendation

There are no recommendations for this section.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

1. GREENE HOME FOR BOYS MANAGEMENT

a. REPLACE THE WINDOW SCREEN IN BATHROOM ONE

THE SCREEN IN BATHROOM ONE HAS BEEN REPLACED, FACILITY
MANAGER WILL MONITOR DAILY TO ENSURE GOOD CONDITION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL MONITOR WEEKLY

b. CLEAN THE FLOOR AND SHOWER DOOR IN BATHROOM TWO

FLOOR AND SHOWER DOORS IN BATHROOM TWO HAVE BEEN CLEANED.
FACILITY MANAGER WILL MONITOR DAILY TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL MONITOR WEEKLY

c. REPLACE THE TOILET TOP AND WALL VENT IN BATHROOM TWO

TOILET TOP AND WALL VENT HAVE BEEN REPLACED. FACILITY
MANAGER WILL MONITOR DAILY TO ENSURE THEY ARE IN
GOOD WORKING CONDITION. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL MONITOR
WEEKLY

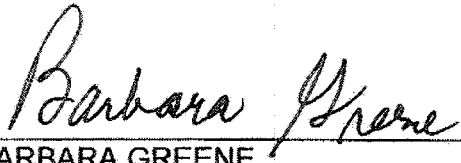
d. REPAIR THE BED FRAMES IN BEDROOM ONE

REPAIRS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. FACILITY MANAGER WILL

MONITOR WEEKLY TO ENSURE THEY REMAIN IN GOOD WORKING
CONDITION. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL MONITOR MONTHLY

GREENE HOME FOR BOYS MANAGEMENT MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT THE
DOCUMENTATION TO CONFIRM THAT CHILDREN ARE ROUTINELY
SEEN BY PRESCRIBING PSYCHIATRIST.

MISSING NOTES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND PLACED IN CLIENTS
FOLDERS. FACILITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL
MONITOR MONTHLY TO ENSURE NOTES ARE UPDATED IN TIMELY
MANNER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Greene". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

BARBARA GREENE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MA. ADMINISTRATOR